

Jesus the Liberator (Mark 5:1-20)

Sermon Devotional

Series: Strange Encounters with Jesus
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1. What is something that people sometimes allow to overtake their lives?
2. Is it possible for a person to become so entrapped by something that it affects other areas of his or her life? In what ways?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Mark 5:1-20 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com.
4. In John 10:10, Jesus says that the thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy. What did Satan steal from the man according to vv. 3-4?
5. How is "gashing himself with stones" (v. 5) a sign of Satan's desire to kill the man?
6. If you were to compare the demon-possessed man with a normal man, what parts of the man's life did Satan destroy?
7. Were the people in the community able to assist the man? Why or why not?

Bringing It Home

8. "The Lord Jesus has the power to save from the most hopeless of situations. Whether He finds us dominated by Satan's forces in a way that no one can control, suffering from a problem no man can heal, or facing the finality of death itself, Christ is able to help us" (*Family Worship Bible Guide*). Has Jesus ever rescued you from a hopeless situation?
 9. What situation—big or small—faces you right now that is may be beyond your ability to handle alone?
 10. Are you willing to turn your burden over to God? Read 1 Peter 5:7. Memorize this verse if possible.
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